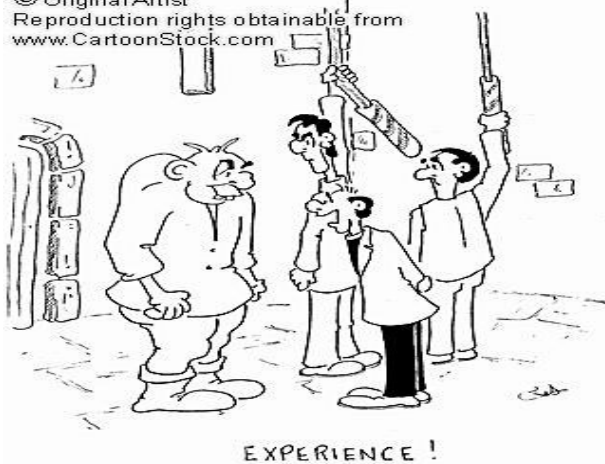


ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS DRAW: A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Draw. This year the Christmas Hamper was won by Bert Nolan and Panto tickets went to Liam Smith. All the winners are listed on the notice board at the back of the church. I'd like to thank all our sponsors who supported the draw, thank you for your generosity. I'd like to say a special thank you to Annie for all her hard work in securing prizes and to Mary who coordinated the Draw this year and did a super job along with all our ticket sellers. This year all proceeds will go to cover the cost of installing an electronic striker for the church bell. This will mean that we will be able to ring The Angelus each day and set it to ring for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. It will be a great addition to our celebrations.

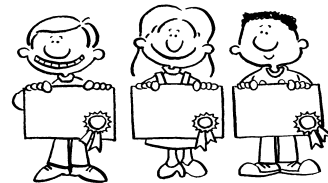
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RAINBOWS IRELAND is a support programme to assist children who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transition in their family. Our parish will begin its first Rainbows Programme in January, 2009 for children aged 7 yrs to 12 yrs. For further details please see the notice board at the back or the Church.

ST. MOCHTA'S WAY: Donate a brick and be part of the heritage of our Parish. To commemorate our new Parish Centre and to build the heritage of our parish, St. Mochta's Way has been created so that you can make history for your family in the future. Everyone can participate by having a personalised engraved brick placed in St. Mochta's Way. You can order a single brick with up to two lines of lettering or a double brick with up to four lines. The bricks, available in gold lettering, are professionally engraved and hand painted with a long lasting gold infill. You could donate a brick with your family name or for any occasion, e.g. Birth, Christening, Birthday, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Engagement, Wedding, Family Remembrance or any special personal or family occasion. If you would like more information about the scheme, pick up a brochure in the church, at the Parish Centre or you can download an order form, on our website. Take a look at 'St. Mochta's Way' at www.stmochtasparish.ie. **The 1st order of bricks for St. Mochta's Way will take place in January.**

JUNIOR INFANTS SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2009: Application Forms for Enrolment for Junior Infants (September, 2009) will be available in St. Patrick's N.S. and St. Mochta's N.S. from Wednesday, 7th January, 2009. Registration will take place in both schools on the following dates only: **Monday, 2nd Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm and 7pm to 9pm; **Tuesday, 3rd Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm and **Wednesday, 4th Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm only.



KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings, please answer the following:

1. Where did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus?
2. Who did they meet there?
3. What did he say about Jesus?
4. What was the name of the town they went to live in?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: So 2009 is nearly upon us. A whole new year ahead of us. Lots of people at this time make promises for the new year. Promises that will help them to become a better person. What promise would you make to help you to be a better person?????



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 28TH DEC. 2008

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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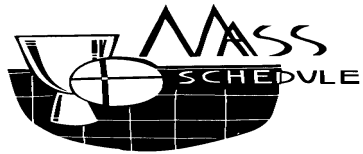
The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." The Church urges all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:

Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Peggy McKeown, Billy Balfe, Mary Rodgers.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7.00 pm: John O'Rourke (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am James Daly
12.00 pm Kathleen & Edward Sheridan (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Thomas a Beckett

10.00 am: Patrick & Mary Kennedy R.I.P.

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Deceased members of the
O'Reilly & Farrell Family

Wednesday: St. Sylvester

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

12.00 noon Blessing & Anointing for New Year

Friday: 1st Friday of the Month

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday: St. Munchin

10.00 am: Patrick McInerney (Anniv.)

2nd Sunday after Christmas

7.00 pm: Ellen Lynam (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Dennis Farnam (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Rory & Connie Kennedy R.I.P.
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Mochta's you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. John. I would be also grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with the parish. These can be found at the back of the Church.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Are you on the parish data base? If you have not registered with the parish please fill out one of the forms at the back of the church and return it to Fr. John. It is very important that we continue to build our data base and keep it up to date. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE: For all parish enquires please ring our secretary June on 8213218 or email: secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: www.stmochtasparrish.ie

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan, Mary after Mass.

CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: This coming Friday 2nd January will be the 1st of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? Are you on the parish data base? If you have not registered with the parish please fill out one of the forms at the back of the church and return it to Fr. John. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: Are available at the back of the church. The Christmas Offering goes to help support of the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Thank you for your prayers and continued support, especially at this time.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE : is closed over the holiday period until **Monday 5th January** this includes all the parish offices.

ENJOY THE WINTER

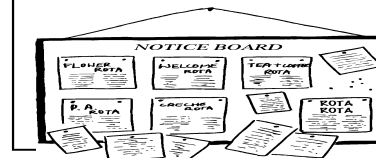
BREAK: If you are lucky enough to get away for a few days enjoy your holidays and DON'T break a leg!!!



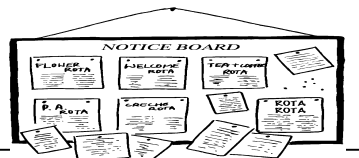
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Niall Gallagher and Laura McCabe** and **Brian Gilsenan and Niamh MacMahon** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Patrick, Mia, Maia-Rose and Theodore** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Sunday mass.



PARISH NEWS



1ST JAN.: WORLD DAY OF PEACE:

Pope Benedict XVI has attacked financial greed, the arms race and unjust trade practices, which he identified as the root causes of poverty. **The pontiff's words are contained in a message for the Church's traditional January 1, World Day of Peace**, which for 2009 is themed: Fighting Poverty to Build Peace. Benedict also focused on the current food crisis which, according to United Nations data published this week, has increased the number of hungry people to almost 1 billion. Hunger is not caused by a shortage of food, but rather "difficulty in gaining access to it and by different forms of speculation," the pontiff said. As for the current financial crisis, Benedict said that global markets, which are dominated by developed nations, are based "upon short-term thinking which aims at increasing the value of financial operations and concentrates on the technical management of various forms of risk." Instead greater co-operation is needed between rich and poor countries to establish fairer trade practices and support for "fighting crime and fostering a culture of legality." But the pontiff, in an apparent reference to communism and similar ideologies, warned against "the illusion that a policy of mere redistribution of existing wealth can definitively resolve" poverty. "Wealth creation must be kept in mind if the fight against material poverty is to be effective in the long term," the pontiff said. The pope also defined what he described as "moral and spiritual poverty," which, he suggested, is as widespread in the developed world as in poor nations. Benedict defended the Catholic Church's opposition to abortion, and took issue with humanitarian groups who advocate the termination of pregnancy as a means to control population growth or to assert human rights. "The extermination of millions of unborn children in the name of the fight against poverty, actually constitutes the destruction of the poorest of all human beings."

ANOINTING AT MASS ON JAN 1ST:

Mass for World Peace Day will be celebrated at **12 noon**. It is with our hands that we make signs of peace or violence, it is with our hands that we do good or bad, it is with our hands that we express love or hatred. As we begin a new year our hands will be anointed that they may help us to be people of peace this coming new year. This anointing is available to everyone in our parish as we start 2009.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Children

Your children are not your children.
They come through you but not from you.

And though they are with you,
yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love
but not your thoughts,

for they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,

which you cannot visit,

not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward
nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's is Jn 1:1-18.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour of the World. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the incarnation. The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on Tuesday 6th January.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ONE AND ALL:

Fr. John & Fr. Flor would like to say thank you for the all the prayers, support and help we have received this past year. A big thank you also for all the words of appreciation and encouragement, they mean a lot. As this year draws to a close may the Lord bless you for the coming year. May he continue to guide you and lead you in all you do and say.

